

Medicine Bow Landscape Vegetation Analysis (LaVA)

Cooperating Agencies Meeting - Telephone

December 19, 2018; 0900 – 1100

Call-in Number: 1-888-844-9904; Passcode: 6838442

In Attendance:

Melissa Martin	Russ Bacon	Karen Schroyer
Jason Armbruster	Steve Loose	Josh Peck
Mark Westfahl	Someone from Brush Creek?	Suz Layne
Leanne Correll	Justin Williams	Melissa Mokry
Beth Calloway	Tony Hoch	Embere Hall
Brooke Owens		

ACTION ITEMS:

- **LaVA FEIS Updates:** Melissa will be uploading sections of the FEIS on the External site for review as they are available.
- **Chapter 3 Resource Section:** Review and edit deadline extended to January 11th.
- **Project Timeline:**
 - Deadline for Chapter 3 Resource extended from December 14th, to January 11th.
 - Response to Comments due January 11th.
- **Next Meetings:**
 - **January 7th** – Response to Comments Small Group
 - **January 9th** – IDT Meeting
 - **January 16th** – Cooperating Agency Meeting

AGENDA TOPICS:

1) Forest Supervisor Time

DISCUSSION

Russ appreciates everyone making the time and being flexible to make today's call in meeting. Comments from the cooperators have been reviewed, specifically, Chapter 3. The comments, perspective and collaborative nature of the project are appreciated. There is more work to be done, and the timeline can be extended if necessary, in order to get it right.

2) LaVA FEIS Updates

DISCUSSION

- Chapters 1 and 2 have been sent to the editor. Minor tweaks can be made, if needed, but they're essentially finished.
- Chapter 3 Intro has also been sent in.
- Chapter 5 Glossary has been sent to the editor. The chapters the editor has is being fed into a more complete document.
- Response to Comments small group met and made suggestions. Will be calling on cooperators for help with forming those responses.
- December 7th RO meeting went well, and the project has gained approval at the regional level.

Next it will go to the Washington office. Once approved, we will be able to publish EIS when it's ready.

- Roadless also approved December 7th.
- Washington Post published an article about the project. Link will be attached to notes.

3) Chapter 3

DISCUSSION

General comments from Cooperating Agencies. Complete edits have been attached to previous emails. Comments up to now have largely been made on a broader scale. Subsequent edits will be at a finer scale. Page and line numbers have been added to the document to assist the review process.

- Analysis of NAA and Cumulative Effects lacks details.
- The analysis does not highlight the benefits of the project.
- Resource sections need more site-specificity.
- The document does not include enough information about the effects of catastrophic wildfire.
- Some repetitive content that could be summarized at the beginning of the sections.
- Lack of water quantity discussion in NAA and MPA.
- Lack of economic information.
- If anyone, internal or cooperator, has better pictures to illustrate the content, please send them in.
- Headings and subheadings can become confusing.

4) Project Timeline

DISCUSSION

- **January 11th** – New deadline for Chapter 3 review and edit.
- **January 11th** – Response to Comments completion deadline.